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ABSTRACT

This book examines the impact of anticommunism on American campuses, using Rutgers University (New Jersey) from 1950 through 1965 as a case example. Following an introductory chapter which provides background information, chapter 2 discusses the period January 1950 to August 1952, when Cold War politics intensified at Rutgers University and the Rutgers "witch hunt" and the cases of Professors Heimlich, Finley, and Glasser began. Chapter 3 reviews the period September 1952 to October 1953 when the Board of Trustees moved to fire Professors Heimlich and Finley, evoking the automatic dismissal, and later firing Professors Glasser and Hoch. Chapter 4 then examines the period November 1953 to August 1956, when the signs of the Cold War era were coming to a close at Rutgers. Chapter 5 reviews the period September 1956 to October 1958, and chapter 6 covers the period November 1958 to April 1965. An epilogue and concluding chapter complete the book. Appendices include the questionnaire used to survey the Rutgers faculty and alumni for the study, a 1956 statement on academic freedom by the American Association of University Professors, and a 1958 statement by the Board of Governors of Rutgers. (Contains approximately 475 references.) (DB)

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